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Wednesday, 21st November, 1979 — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
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Front page photo: Something to celebrate — a happy dressing room scene at Blackpool. (Photo by courtesy of the Wigan Observer).

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



A WARM welcome to Stan Ternent and his Blackpool side. If tonight's game is as exciting as Saturday's tussle at Bloomfield Road, then I don't think any of our spectators will be disappointed. It was certainly an exceptionally good cup tie and although the Blackpool keeper

got most of the headlines, there were quite a few occasions we had to be thankful that John Brown was in such good form.

Support

It would be criminal of me not to say a few words at this stage about our quite magnificent supporters who travelled to Blackpool. I am sure in the crowd of 11,277 we had at least 5,000 if not more, and the vocal encouragement we received, especially in the second half was really out of this world. I hope tonight, we can give you the same type of performance. One thing, however, will change, and that is the type of pitch. Tonight, I expect it to be extremely heavy, and it will be certainly a slog from start to finish.

Stop Press

Our reward if we win tonight is a very hard tussle at Northwich Victoria. This is the type of match which will be very difficult for us, but we are not out of the Premier League long enough to have forgotten all about it. So if we are successful tonight, I am hopeful that we can get through to the 3rd round and a good draw.

Enjoy tonight's match.

Ian McNeill

WELCOME TO



BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB: (Left to Right): **Back Row:** Bobby Smith, Gary Jones, Dick Malone, Bobby Doyle, Paul Gardner. **Centre:** Stan Ternent (Manager), Dave Hockaday, Brian Wilson, Iain Hesford, Tom McAlister, Terry Pashley, Peter Suddaby, Bob Stokoe (Ex-Manager). **Front Row:** Bobby Kerr, Tony Kellow, Jeff Chandler, Derek Spence, Stan McEwan, Max Thompson, Jimmy Weston.



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BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

TONIGHT we are privileged to welcome the Blackpool Football Club to Springfield Park for a First Round Replay in the 1979-1980 Football Association Challenge Cup Competition.

Across the years, as a non-league club, we have looked forward to the occasion when we might be able to welcome "The Seasiders" to Wigan for a cup tie, and, at last, the magical moment has arrived. It is true that, had last Saturday's game not been drawn, we would have had to have waited a little longer, but the stage is now set for an epic struggle. There will be many disappointed people at Springfield Park tonight, if the game does not reproduce the flowing football and high drama witnessed at Bloomfield Road.

Many of us can remember the Blackpool success at Wembley in 1953, when the legendary (Sir) Stanley Matthews finally obtained his F.A. Cup Winners' Medal. The names of Stan Mortensen, Harry Johnston and Ernie Taylor, among others, are engraved on our memories along with Blackpool's exploits in the late 1940's and early 1950's. A runners-up honour in Division 1 of the Football League (1955-1956) and three F.A. Cup Final appearances in six years (1948, 1951 and 1953) were credited to the Blackpool Football Club. Indeed, prior to 1978, "The Seasiders" boasted the proud tradition of having never played at a lower level than the Second

Division of the Football League. Relegation to the Third Division at the end of the 1977-1978 season was looked upon as a disaster by their fans, and it is sad that, after a great deal of hard work and not a little heartache, Blackpool are finding it far from easy to fight their way back into the Second Division.

It appears that the transition period in which Blackpool now find themselves will tap to the full the resourcefulness of directors and management at Bloomfield Road. We, at Wigan, have every confidence that, given time, our Lancashire neighbours will once again grace the top echelons of football where the Blackpool Football Club undoubtedly belongs.

It is interesting to note that two former Wigan Athletic managers also occupied the manager's chair at Bloomfield Road — Ron Suart and Allan Brown — while last year's frequent and welcome visitor to Springfield Park, Jimmy Armfield, boasts the double distinction of being the club's most capped player (for England 43 times) and having made the most league appearances (568) for the club between the years 1952 - 1971.

Welcome then to our visitors from Blackpool. We look forward to a truly exciting cup tie played in a fine sporting spirit and express the hope of more frequent contact with our Fylde coast friends in the not too far distant future.

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Commercial Chatter

ALTHOUGH I would not consider myself a pop music addict, I was listening the other day to a group called Dr. Feelgood, and it set me thinking about the accuracy of that name for a group of artists obviously intent on making people happy. I recalled a conversation with a former colleague who had once worked for a large pools' company and whose responsibility it had been to make contact with treble chance winners and arrange presentations, etc. My colleagues had remarked on the unrestrained joy which had been shown by the successful punters when they heard of their good fortune. I went on to think about the first eleven lucky people who had won the £1,000 Jackpot Prize in our own Treble Chance Lottery, and began to feel rather happy myself.

A lady with heart trouble, a young man about to be married, a fanatical supporter who regularly hitch-hiked from the South of England to support

his team, two ladies with families who had never had enough for those little extra luxuries, another lady about to celebrate her wedding anniversary and even a fanatical rugby supporter, were among the lucky winners whose faces had reflected the joy which a small windfall had brought them.

As week follows week the pressures, imposed by our attempts to get our lottery on to an even firmer base, increase. Each new kiosk put into operation, each group of new agents recruited, each new dimension considered add to my staff's work-load, but, at the end of the day, a better equipped Wigan Athletic Football Club and the laughing faces of happy ticket purchasers will make the hard work worthwhile. Move over Dr. Feelgood, the Springfield Park Joy Group wants a piece of the action!!

I would like to draw the attention of our supporters to several items on sale in the Club Shop which is open from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily and

on all first team match days and evenings. Money-boxes, beakers, scarves, pennants, bob-caps and named wristlets make ideal stocking fillers for Christmas, while sweaters, shoulder bags and grip bags are really good value for money. Two new lines which have been introduced recently are lucky rosettes and stick-on rosettes. Given further progress in the F.A. Cup, these items should prove very popular.

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Lancashire League Scene

by Fred Eyre

AT WIGAN ATHLETIC old pros do not fade from the scene, they stay and help to bring along my young players in the reserve team.

This is certainly the case with club captain Ian Gillibrand, a respected figure at Springfield Park for the last decade, who has featured in most of Wigan's past triumphs.

He has always led by example and is doing just that at the moment by turning in some sterling performances at the heart of the defence in the second team.

One of the problems with young players is inconsistency; one week a player can be outstanding, but the following week he may struggle. I point to Gilly and make sure they all realise that only the players who achieve a similar level of consistency will progress further in the game.

Our promising young centre half Mark Jones is benefiting enormously from having Gilly playing alongside him and we are gradually eradicating all his little faults and he is developing into a fine young player.

In Mark's case it is a bonus having Ian playing actually next to him as his partner in the team, but all the other young members of the side reap the benefit of his excellent reading of situations and good covering at the back. I recall when he first started playing, he was 6ft 2ins. but he has covered so much ground sweeping up behind back-fours all these years that he has worn his legs down to his present 5ft. 7ins!!!

Hopefully, there is a lot of mileage left in those little legs yet, certainly the young players of Wigan hope so.

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Player Profile



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FRANK CORRIGAN (Midfield)

FRANK CORRIGAN was born in Liverpool and received his education in that soccer-mad city. While a pupil at St. Pius X Secondary Modern School, Frank achieved an honour much-coveted by young players on Merseyside — selection for the Liverpool Schools' XI.

After leaving school, Frank played in the very demanding local leagues for two years before eventually signing for Blackpool Football Club at the age of eighteen. After twelve months at Bloomfield Road, in the reserve side, he joined Walsall for a short three month stay, before moving on and playing for two years with Burton Albion. Anxious to return to live in the Liverpool area, Frank Corrigan joined Bangor City (whose teams often contained several Merseyside players), but again he failed to settle and moved on to Northwich Victoria and proved himself a key player in the epic cup run of Season 1976 - 1977 when the Cheshire side reached the Fourth Round defeating Rochdale, Peterborough United and Watford before finally succumbing to Oldham Athletic. After two seasons at Drill

Field, the much travelled midfielder player moved to Wigan Athletic and eventually into League Football. It is ironic that should his former club Blackpool be defeated, Frank will find himself back again at Northwich on Saturday, 15th December, but this time seeking cup glory with Wigan Athletic.

There is little doubt that Frank's marriage to Anne, an arts' graduate and a reporter for a Northwich paper and the arrival of a lovely baby girl helped to settle "the restless spirit of the happy wanderer".

It took Frank Corrigan a little while to produce his best form at Wigan, but this season, in particular, he has silenced even his most vociferous critics by turning in a succession of top-class performances. His strong running, his almost artistic left foot and his will-to-win attitude have been shining examples for his team mates to follow.

Frank Corrigan may have taken a circuitous route before finally reaching his destination in the Football League, but Wigan Athletic fans are looking to their powerful midfielder man to help take the club on yet another exciting journey — to the Third Division of the Football League.

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Wigan Scorer — Wallace (2)

Monday, 19th November, 1979.

Wigan Ath. 1 - Liverpool 'A' 2

Wigan Scorer — Wallace (P).

Saturday, 17th November, 1979.

Wigan Ath. 'A' 1 - Tranmere 'B' 1

Wigan Scorer — Smith

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Wednesday, 21st November, 1979

Wigan Ath. 1 - Burnley 7

Wigan Scorer — Mayer.

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The cross eludes Peter Houghton and Tony Quinn of Wigan and Derek Spence and Iain Hesford of Blackpool.

TOP RIGHT:
Colin Methven, the Wigan skipper, moves in on the ball and gets in his shot.

BOTTOM RIGHT:
The ball is on its way into the back of the net and Colin Methven turns to celebrate. Players from both sides anxiously look on.

Springfield Spotlight

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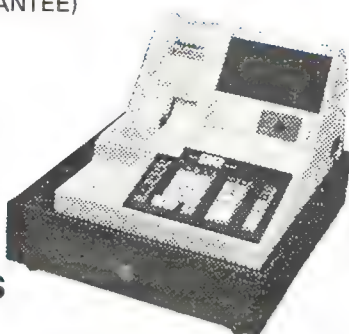
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Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

TONIGHT'S game with Blackpool will no doubt take the memories of the fans back the relatively short distance to the last time Latics entertained a League club in an FA Cup replay.

It was on Monday, November 25th, 1974 when Wigan Athletic faced Shrewsbury Town (then second in Division Four) before 11,860 people at Springfield Park.

Brian Tiler's Latics, in the NPL then of course, had played a memorable draw at Gay Meadow in the first match and indeed were fortunate not to win because only a goal SEVEN minutes into injury time earned Shrewsbury a replay after John King had given Latics the lead.

But if the first match was exciting, the replay was something special. The picture had looked black for Wigan when Shrewsbury centre-forward Haywood gave his side an early lead — which they held onto despite some tremendous Latics pressure until late in the game. In a magnificent rally two goals sent Springfield Park wild.

Firstly, that man Tommy Gore found the corner of the net with a blistering 30 yard drive and then, in the final minute, Wigan substitute Albert Jackson slammed the ball into the roof of the net after a throw-in had eluded the Shrewsbury defence.

It was a marvellous night and Latics were rewarded with a home tie against Division Four Leaders Mansfield in the Second Round.

Latics drew that game 1 - 1 before finally bowing out of the FA Cup in the replay at Mansfield where they lost 3 - 1.

The Wigan team lined up: Reeves, Morris, Sutherland, Gore, Molyneux, Gillibrand, Garrett, Worswick, Rogers, King, Wright: Sub. Jackson. Shrewsbury: Mulhearn, King, Calloway, Durban, Kearney, Turner, Irvine, Tarbuck, Haywood, Bates, Morris.

One sad note of the match, however, was an injury to full back Billy Sutherland, which virtually finished the career of one of the best full backs ever to wear the Wigan Athletic colours.

LATICS AWAY

At Tranmere Rovers, Monday, 3rd December, 1979 — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Use Birkenhead Tunnel, follow signs for Heswall, dropping down into Borough Road and continue through lights into Prenton Road for Tranmere Rovers F.C.

At Walsall, Saturday, 8th December, 1979 — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Use Motorway M6 until junction 9, leave motorway and follow signs Walsall A461, then turn right A4148 into Broadway West for Walsall Football Club, Fellows Park.

Facts and Figures

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold.
† Player substituted.

² Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 11	STOCKPORT FLC1	1-2	6,004	R Ward	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Purdie	Urquhart	
Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1	0-0	7,591	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Purdie	Moore	
Aug 18	Darlington	2-2	2,063	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Daivis	
Aug 22	HUDDERSFIELD	1-2	6,927	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill	
Aug 25	Stockport County	2-1	3,837	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	N Ward	
Sep 1	PORTSMOUTH	1-2	8,198	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart	
Sep 8	Bournemouth	2-1	4,390	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill	
Sep 15	YORK CITY	2-6	5,990	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Daivis	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart	
Sep 19	HARTLEPOOL	2-1	4,877	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Daivis	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Purdie	
Sep 22	Hereford United	1-2	3,891	Shyne	Gore	Hinnigan	Purdie	Daivis	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Urquhart	
Sep 29	BRADFORD CITY	4-1	8,009	Shyne	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Daivis	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Crompton	
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED	0-3	5,541	Shyne	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Daivis	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Crompton	
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town	0-4	7,871	Brown	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Daivis	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Methven	
Oct 13	Doncaster Rovers	1-3	4,189	Brown	Maciver	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart	
Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY	2-1	5,454	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Urquhart	A Gunn	
Oct 24	ROCHDALE	1-1	5,036	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn	Urquhart	Buckley	
Oct 27	Newport County	2-3	4,910	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn	Urquhart	Smart	
Nov 3	DARLINGTON	4-1	5,001	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn	Urquhart	Buckley	
Nov 6	Rochdale	2-0	2,936	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn	Urquhart	Brownbill	
Nov 17	SCUNTHORPE	4-1	4,618	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn	Urquhart	Moore	
Nov 24	Blackpool F.A.C.†	1-1	11,277	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Daivis	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn	Urquhart	Moore	
Dec 1	NORTHAMPTON															
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Apr 26	WALSALL															
May 3	Aldershot															

REVISED LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES WIGAN ATHLETIC RESERVES

Dec.	1	Oldham Ath. Res.	A	
	7	Oldham Ath. Res.	H	
	21	Southport Res.	A	
	26	Liverpool 'A'	H	
	29	Macclesfield T. Res.	A	
1980				
Jan.	5	Port Vale Res.	H	
	12	Carlisle U. Res.	H	
	19	Crewe Alex. 'A'	A	
	26	Carlisle U. Res.	H	
	2	Chester 'A'	H	
Feb.	16	Manchester U. 'A'	H	
	23	Everton 'A'	A	
	29	Stockport C. 'A'	A	
Mar.	7	Tranmere R. Res.	A	
	14	Manchester C. 'A'	H	
	22	Manchester C. 'A'	A	
	29	Bradford C. Res.	H	
Apr.	5	Bolton W. 'A'	A	
	12	Burnley 'A'	A	
	19	Wrexham Res.	H	
	26	Port Vale Res.	H	
May	3	Crewe Alex. 'A'	H	
		To be arranged Rochdale	A	

Dec.	1	Bury 'A'	A
	8	Everton 'B' (SC)	H
	29	Blackburn R. 'A'	A
1980			
Jan.	12	Preston N.E. 'A'	A
	19	Liverpool 'B'	A
	26	Everton 'B'	H
Feb.	2	Liverpool 'B'	H
	9	Oldham Ath. 'A'	H
	23	Everton 'B'	A
Mar.	8	Burnley 'B'	A
	22	Blackpool 'A'	A
	29	Blackpool 'A'	H
Apr.	12	Burnley 'B'	A
	19	Blackburn R. 'A'	A
	26	Preston N.E. 'A'	H

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Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



HOPES OF a giant F.A. Cup cash bonanza disappeared on Saturday for eight Fourth Division sides.

Defeat was even more devastating for Crewe Alexandra who faced former Latics stars John Rogers and John King at Moss Lane, Altrincham, and became the only Fourth Division victim of a non-league club.

Hartlepool United suffered the biggest defeat — 2 - 5 to Allan Clarke's Barnsley — and that after twice equalising.

Sheffield Wednesday saw Lincoln City off, while Scunthorpe United slipped out of the competition at Rochdale to give a boost to new Spotland boss Bob Stokoe.

Northampton Town, visitors to Springfield next Saturday, went down to an early goal against Hereford United. However, at Peterborough, visitors A.F.C. Bournemouth came from behind to win 2 - 1.

Portsmouth and Newport County continued their great rivalry in front of the day's biggest cup crowd — nearly 20,000, at Fratton Park. Pompey took the tie with a fourth minute goal from Brisley.

Elsewhere, Tranmere Rovers scored one of the biggest cup wins for years, (probably since Bournemouth swamped Margate 11 - 0 in 1971), beating A.P. Leamington 9 - 0. Jim Lumby returned to his best form with a

hat-trick. York City enjoyed a rare experience when they led Premier League Champions, Mossley 4 - 0 at half time. The Minstermen went on to win 5 - 2, after a fiercely fought second half.

Aldershot stunned Third Division Exeter City, themselves giant killers in this year's League cup, with a 4 - 1 win, while Darlington had one of their best crowds for some time (3,678) to see their 1 - 1 draw with table-toppers Huddersfield Town.

Scarborough's cup aspirations flew out the window at the Shay where they were beaten by two goals scored in the first half. Torquay United came away from a tricky tie at Gravesend with a 1 - 0 win, thanks to a 15th minute goal from Cooper.

Little-known Brandon United got no return from high-flying Bradford City who were 2 - 0 up inside twenty minutes and went on to win 3 - 0. Meanwhile, there was little cup joy for new Stockport County boss Jimmy McGuigan. Walsall beat his side 2 - 0 and it would have been more but for the form of star goalkeeper David Lawson.

Anyway, the best performance of the day, apart from Latics of course, came from non-league Barking who edged out Oxford United with an 82nd minute Brothers' goal.

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Treble Chance Lottery Tickets are now on sale from kiosks located in Bryn Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield, and in The Mall at the Kwik Save Store, Lower Ince.

A VERY good evening from the Supporters' Club staff and committee, and a warm welcome to all our friends from Blackpool.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting the results of the semi-finals of the Radio Manchester Sports Quiz, which were scheduled to be played at Kearsley Cricket Club on Monday, 26th November. As Salford R.L.F.C., proved at Wigan in the Quarter-Finals, they are likely to provide a tough challenge, but if the Latics lads win the day (or night!), we shall be facing Leigh R.L.F.C. or Leigh Cricket Club in the final on December 10th.

We have now got details of the Supporters' Clubs' Federation Quiz and in the First Round we play Rochdale A.F.C. at Rochdale on Monday, 17th December and the return at our club will take place on Monday, 7th January, 1980.

Only the first round of the competition is on a "home and away" basis. Should we get through the first and second rounds we have a home date in the third round, with either Leeds United or Chesterfield as the visitors.

The teams for the Federation Competition consist of six players, as opposed to three for the Manchester Radio Quiz and the questions are based entirely on football.

Rothmans are the sponsors, and all at the club are quietly confident of our team making an impact on our first entry into the event.

Supporters Club News



I shall look forward to giving you details of our December stage programme in Saturday's match programme.

Meanwhile, with our sincere best wishes to all sportsmen (and sportswomen!!!)

Peter Woods.



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A last word from the chairman . . .

ON BEHALF of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, I am delighted to welcome the Chairman, Directors, Management, players and supporters of Blackpool Football Club to Springfield Park, for what promises to be a very exciting F.A. Cup First Round Replay. We will do our best in the Boardroom tonight to return the most generous hospitality afforded to our official party at Bloomfield Road last Saturday.

I am sure that all present at Saturday's game will long remember the atmosphere, the competitive nature of the game, some superb goalkeeping and an abundance of endeavour and skill supplied by two well-matched opponents. If tonight's game repeats the end-to-end play and nail-biting tension of the first encounter, Wigan supporters will be able to add yet another F.A. Cup tie to that store of memorable games which were once the hallmark of our non-league days.

I would like to make particular mention of the fantastic support which our team received last Saturday. The sight of our side of the "Kop" literally heaving with blue and white favours and the ear-shattering roars of encouragement lifted not only the hearts of the players, but gave me, in particular, a feeling of pride which is difficult to put into words. Saturday, for me, was what football is all about.

Whichever side is fortunate enough to win tonight's game, the prospect of a game at Northwich Victoria, in the Second Round on Saturday, 15th December offers some hope of making progress towards a lucrative encounter with a First Division "giant". However, non-league sides have been known to cause upsets, so the game will be far from easy for either Blackpool or ourselves.

Meanwhile, let us hope that tonight's encounter will be a sporting game between two sides representing proud Lancashire townships. At the final whistle may both Blackpool and Wigan contingents alike join hands in a friendship and comradeship which we hope will flourish in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Arthur Horrocks.



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John Brown	1	Iain Hesford
Dave Fretwell	2	Paul Gardner
Joe Hinnigan	3	Terry Pashley
Tommy Gore	4	Stan McEwan
Colin Methven	5	Jackie Ashurst
Neil Davids	6	Maxie Thompson
Frank Corrigan	7	Dave Hockaday
Jeff Wright	8	Bobbie Doyle
Peter Houghton	9	Derek Spence
Tony Quinn	10	Tony Kellow
George Urquhart	11	Jimmy Weston
Micky Moore	12	Brian Wilson

Blackpool

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Officials

Referee:

Mr. Kevin McNally
(South Wirral)

Commenced refereeing when he was 14 years of age and has graduated through local Ellesmere Port and Wirral leagues to the West Cheshire and Cheshire County Leagues, then to the Football League full list in 1972. Has officiated in several important F.A. European F.A. and International fixtures.

Linesmen:

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(Leyland)

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G. Howarth
(Bolton)

Here next...

Saturday, 1st December, 1979 — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v NORTHAMPTON TOWN
Football League Division Four